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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: CHEMICAL AND/OR PHYSICAL

TREATMENT OF MIXTURES
WHICH CONTAIN AT LEAST
ONE CHEMICAL COMPOUND
HAVING AT LEAST ONE

**ETHYLENICALLY** 

UNSATURATED GROUP

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

3. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mixture to be treated is a.

mixture containing, as components, (meth)acrylic acid and an organic liquid having a higher boiling point than (meth)acrylic acid.